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SUBJ: CODEL MORGAN VISIT

1. CODEL MORGAN DEPARTED BELGRADE 0900 JANUARY 16
END OF BUSY AND SUCCESSFUL 36-HOUR VISIT TO BELGRADE.
CODEL WAS MET ON ARRIVAL JAN 15 AT 5:30 PM BY
PRESIDENT OF YUGOSLAV FEDERAL ASSEMBLY FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE,
MIHAJLO JAVORSKI, WHO WAS THEIR HOST; MRS. JAVORSKI,
DELEGATION FROM FEDERAL ASSEMBLY AND FSFA REP
STARCEVIC. AFTER GETTING SETTLED IN HOTEL CONGRESS-
MEN PROCEEDED TO EMBASSY
FOR BRIEFING BY AMBASSADOR.
BRIEFING WAS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY RECEPTION
AT RESIDENCE IN HONOR OF CODEL WHICH WAS ATTENDED
BY APPROXIMATELY 30 HIGH RANKING YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS
AND ASSEMBLY DELEGATES WITH SPOUSES, INCLUDING
ACTING FOREIGN SECRETARY MOJSOV, DEPUTY DEFENSE
SECRETARY SUMONJA, JAVORSKI AND AMBASSADOR BELOVSKI.

2. THE CODEL HAD SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS THE NEXT DAY

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WITH VICE PRESIDENT BAKARIC, STATE PRESIDENCY MEMBER

KARDELJ, ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT GLIGOROV AND A YUGOSLAV DELEGATION COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND HIGH-LEVEL CABINET OFFICIALS. CONG. FINDLEY AND LAGOMARSINO HAD SPECIAL MEETING WITH AGMIN KUSTRAK. PRESIDENT TITO WAS UNFORTUNATELY UNABLE TO RECEIVE THE CODEL BECAUSE, AS BAKARIC INFORMED THEM, HE HAD TAKEN ILL AND WAS OUT OF BELGRADE RECOVERING. IT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ANNOUNCED IN FRONT-PAGE "POLITIKA" STORY TODAY THAT TITO IS SUFFERING FROM A FLARE-UP OF SCIATICA AND EMBASSY HAS REASON TO BELIEVE THIS ACCOUNT.

3. MR. AND MRS. GLIGOROV WERE THE CODEL'S HOSTS FOR LUNCH AT FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL BUILDING, DURING WHICH GLIGOROV AND CHAIRMAN MORGAN EXCHANGED TOASTS. THE REMAINDER OF THE AFTERNOON AND EVENING WERE FREE. MEMBERS OF THE CODEL HAD DINNER AT THE IMA DANA RESTAURANT IN THE OLD QUARTER OF THE CITY. THE FINAL MORNING WAS TAKEN UP WITH PREPARATIONS FOR THE EARLY DEPARTURE.

4. MEMCONS ON SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS WILL BE SENT TO DEPARTMENT BY SEPTTEL FOR FORWARDING TO COMMITTEE STAFFERS. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS FROM DISCUSSIONS.

5. MIDDLE EAST. BULK OF MEETINGS DEVOTED TO EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON MIDDLE EAST MATTERS. CODEL MEMBERS INFORMED THEIR HOSTS OF IMPRESSIONS FROM THEIR VISITS TO EGYPT AND ISRAEL, VIZ., THAT PRESIDENT SADAT IS COMMITTED TO FURTHER STEPS TOWARD AN EVENTUAL OVERALL PEACE SETTLEMENT, AND THEIR BELIEF THAT SADAT AND ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER RABIN HAVE RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER. YUGOSLAV COLLOCUTORS, WHILE APPRECIATING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF US-FOSTERED STEP-BY-STEP DIPLOMACY, STRESSED YUGOSLAV VIEW OF NEED FOR CONTINUED MOMENTUM TOWARD A PEACE SETTLEMENT, WITH LESS INTERVAL BETWEEN STEPS.

KARDELJ AND OTHERS ALSO STRESSED THAT SOLUTION OF PALESTINE ISSUE IS SINA QUA NON IN ME SETTLEMENT. KARDELJ SAID, IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON WHETHER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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YUGOSLAVIA THOUGHT PALESTINIANS WOULD BE CONTENT WITH STATE COMPOSED OF WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP, THAT PLO WOULD BE READY TO ACCEPT THIS. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO NOTE DIFFERENCES WITHIN THE PLO AND THAT IT WAS LIKEWISE IMPORTANT FOR ISRAEL TO SHOW ITSELF READY TO CREATE CONDITIONS THAT WOULD MAKE THIS PALESTINIAN STATE VIABLE.

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ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO PALESTINIAN STATE WOULD ALSO BE PREREQUISITE FOR VIABLE LONG RUN ME SETTLEMENT. YUGOSLAVS ALSO URGED THAT THE PLO AS THE MOST AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIANS BE INCLUDED IN ALL ME DISCUSSIONS, BUT SEVERAL TIMES REFERENCED IMPORTANCE OF WATCHING QTE CURRENTS WITHIN PLO UNQTE. CODEL MEMBERS RESPONDED THAT THE PLO MUST DISASSOCIATE ITSELF FROM TERRORISM BEFORE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL ACCEPT IT AS A RESPONSIBLE MEMBER OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY.

6. ANGOLA. BAKARIC TOLD CODEL THAT ALTHOUGH THE GOY HAD LONG SUPPORTED THE MPLA IT HAD WANTED A NATIONAL COALITION IN ANGOLA AT THE TIME PORTUGAL WITHDREW AND ITS PRESENT POSITION IS THAT ALL FOREIGN INTERVENTION SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN. HE ADDED THAT THE FIGHTING IN ANGOLA WILL CONTINUE BUT THE FINAL SOLUTION MUST BE A NON-ALIGNED AND INDEPENDENT ANGOLA. BAKARIC ALSO STATED YUGOSLAVIA MIGHT BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT AN OAU CALL FOR RECONCILIATION BUT NOTED THE ORGANIZATION'S INABILITY TO REACH A UNITED POSITION. GLIGOROV
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ASSERTED THAT THE MPLA HAD NOT COMPROMISED ITS INDEPENDENCE BY ACCEPTING SOVIET ARMS.

7. DETENTE. THE YUGOSLAVS EXPRESSED THEIR TRADITIONAL CONCERN ABOUT DETENTE BEING LIMITED ONLY TO GREAT POWERS. BAKARIC NOTED EFFORT OF SMALLER STATES, INCLUDING YUGOSLAVIA, TO REDUCE TENSIONS, CITING YUGOSLAV PEACE EFFORTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE GOY'S OFFER OF ADVICE TO THE DISPUTANTS IN SPANISH MOROCCO (PARTIES WOULDN'T LISTEN, BAKARIC ASSERTED).

8. YUGOSLAV ECONOMY. GLIGOROV, QUESTIONED BY CHAIRMAN MORGAN ON STATE OF YUGOSLAV ECONOMY, STATED GNP GRE 5.5 PERCENT AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION 5.8 PERCENT IN 1975; BUT ACKNOWLEDGED TWIN PROBLEMS OF INFLATION AND BALANCE -OF-PAYMENTS DEFICITS WHICH HE FRANKLY ADMITTED WERE DUE AS MUCH TO EXCESSIVE SPENDING (I.E. OVERINVESTMENT) AS DECLINE FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS DUE TO WE ECONOMIC SLUMP. THERE WAS ALSO A DISCUSSION OF THE DETRIMENTAL IMPACT OF EC ECONOMIC POLICIES ON YUGOSLAVIA--ALTHOUGH YUGOSLAVS GENERALLY SINGLED OUT UNITED STATES IN CONTRAST FOR RELATIVELY BALANCED TRADE RELATIONSHIP.

9. BILATERAL ISSUES. PRESIDENT OF ASSEMBLY INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (AND EX-INTERIOR SECRETARY) LUKA BANOVIC, WHO ALONG WITH DEPUTY INTERIOR SECRETARY DRASKO JURISIC WERE MEMBERS OF YUGOSLAVIA'S DELEGATION AT PLENARY SESSION, MADE HEART-HITTING PRESENTATION TO CONGRESSMEN ABOUT EMIGRE TERRORISM IN US. HE SAID HIS "VOTERS" COULD NOT UNDERSTAND "PASSIVITY" OF US AUTHORITIES WHO HAD NOT MADE ANY ARRESTS IN TERRORIST ATTACKS ON YUGOSLAV DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS GOING BACK SEVERAL YEARS AND SUGGESTED THAT CONSULTATIONS BY COMPETENT AUTHORITIES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES WOULD BE EFFICACIOUS IN DEALING WITH THE PROBLEM. BOTH KARDELJ AND JAVORSKI MADE GRACIOUS STATEMENTS CONGRATULATING THE US ON ITS BICENTENNIAL.

10. TOTH CASE. CONGRESSMAN FINDLEY RAISED TOTH CASE PRIVATELY WITH MOJSOV AND BELOVSKI (WHO AFTER HIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FIRST WASHINGTON CALLS APPEARED MORE SUBDUED) AT AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION. THEY

URGED HIM AND OTHER CODEL MEMBERS NOT TO RAISE
MATTER IN OPEN DISCUSSIONS. AMBASSADOR AGREED BUT ADVISED
CONGRESSMAN FINDLEY AND OTHER CODEL MEMBERS TO USE
SIDE-MEETINGS AND PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS TO KEEP HEAT ON
YUGOSLAVS. DURING BREAK IN MORNING MEETINGS ON 15TH,
AMBASSADOR AGREED CONGRESSMAN FINDLEY DISCUSS MATTER
WITH BAKARIC, WHO REASSURED HIM THAT THE YUGOSLAVS
EXPECT SOME FORWARD MOVEMENT IN THE CASE AFTER
JUDICIAL REVIEW CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS IS CONCLUDED.

11. UN. CODEL MEMBERS EXPRESSED STRONG SUPPORT FOR
THE POSITIONS AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN EXPRESSES IN
THE UN.

11; COMMENT: CHAIRMAN MORGAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
CODEL STATED THAT THEY CONSIDERED THE MEETINGS HIGHLY
USEFUL AND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE OUTCOME
OF THE VISIT. WE BELIEVE THAT THE CANDID EXCHANGES
THE CODEL HAD WERE USEFUL IN GETTING ACROSS US CONCERNS
AND CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES TO HIGH YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS.
WE ESPECIALLY APPRECIATED THE SUPPORT THE WELL-
BRIEFED CODEL GAVE US ON SEVERAL IMPORTANT ISSUES.
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